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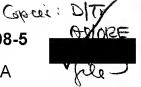
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Request for Information re Airlines in South East Asia

REFERENCE : Our Case

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- l. It is requested that this office be furnished the following information relative to foreign-owned or financed airlines in Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaya:
  - a. Government regulations pertaining to the organization of subject airlines.
    - b. Reports of any such airlines now operating.

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- c. An estimate of the degree of resistance to the formation of such airlines in these countries.
- 2. This confirms the conversation held 10 May between
- 3. Receipt of this information by 19 May will be greatly appreciated.



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The following data are submitted in response to your request:

Without exception, airlines based in Burma, Thailand, Indo China, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaya are required to be substantially ewned and effectively controlled either by the Governments or by nationals of these countries. However, foreign equipment and technical skills are extensively employed by these lines. International service by foreign carriers is permitted, generally under bilateral air agreements granting reciprocal rights.

Listed below are the mirlines of the Southeast Asian countries, with an indication of the financial interests represented in each carrier.

#### NIMA

Union of Burma Airways, Rangoon, Burma. 100 percent governmentowned. Union of Burma Airways is the chosen government air instrument, but several foreign airlines have been chartered recently by the government because of the inability of Union of Burma to furnish the required air lift. These are: Indonesian Airways, Cathay Pacific, Trans Asiatic Siam, United Airways.

#### THAILAND

Pacific Overseas Airlines, 37 Surawangse Road, Bangkok, Siam. 95 percent government-owned and negotiations are underway for the Thai Government to obtain the remaining 5 percent interest now held by an Englishman.

Siemese Airways, Siemese Airways Bldg., 6 Lon Luang Rd., Bangkok, Siem. 100 percent government-owned.

Trans Asiatic Airlines (TAA). 26 percent government-owned, 35 percent Thai nationals, 39 percent TAA Philippines. The Thai Government expects to gain control of TAA in the near future and consolidate all three Thai airlines within the framework of Siamese Airways.

#### INDO CHIRA

Air France (Far East Division). 100 percent owned by French Government.

Avions Taxis d'Indochine, 92 Rue Pellerin, Saigon. Owned by mationals.

Comptoir Saigonnais de Ravitaillement (COSARA), 6 Rue Tare (PO Box 176) Saigon. Owned by nationals.

Societe Indochinoise de Transport Aeriens, 5 Quai le Mayre de Vilers, Saigon. Owned by nationals.

#### HOMG KONG

Cathay Pacific Airways, Princes Bldg., Charter Road, Hong Kong. A subsidiary of the privately-owned Australian Matienal Airlines. Cathay Pacific was formerly owned by an American who still retains a 10 percent interest in the company.

Hong Kong Airways, York Bldg., Hong Kong. A subsidiary of British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), with minor Hong Kong interests.

#### INDONESIA

Garuda Indonesian Airways, 15 Hoordwiyk, Jakarta, Indonesia. Controlled by United States of Indonesia with Royal Dutch Airlines (KIM) also having substantial interest. Under present agreement, KIM will manage airline for two years furnishing equipment and personnel.

#### MALAYA

trolled by a Malayan national. Other holdings by BOAC and a Liverpool interest.

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Supplementary information to IP-118 is herewith cubmitted.

#### BURMA

In addition to the Union of Burna Airways (UBA) there exists another sirline which is the government protected, Burneso owned Air Burna.

#### THAILAND

Trans Asiatic Airlines (TAA). The most recent report indicates that comership of this airline is distributed as follows:

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$\underline{\omega}$	THAI NATIONALS	26°
	TAA (PHILIPPINES)	39%
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#### INDONEHINA

A recent report indicates Societe Indochinoise de Transport Asriens is predominately French owned rather than Vietnamese owned.

#### HONG KONG

It may be noted that no airlines operate within Hong Kong but rether between Hong Kong and points outside the Colony and that such international Air carriers as BOAC and PAA carry as much or more Hong Kong traffic as do the airlines domiciled there.

In addition to the two Hong Kong mirlines mentioned in preliminary report the Macan Air Transport Company although incorporated in Macan has its head office in Hong Kong. It is camed by British and Portuguese interests.

